



TOWN OF WEST HARTFORD

Public Safety Committee
Town Hall, 50 South Main Street, Room 314

September 6, 2018

8:00 AM

MINUTES

Attendance

Leon Davidoff (Chair), Shari Cantor, Mary Fay, Beth Kerrigan (by phone), Liam Sweeney, Chris Williams, Ben Wenograd

Staff

Matt Hart (Town Manager), Vernon Riddick (Police Chief), Robert McCue (Assistant Police Chief), Dan Coppinger (Assistant Police Chief), Gary Allyn (Fire Chief), Greg Priest (Assistant Fire Chief)

Invited Guests

Steve Knight (Fitch & Associates)
Bruce Moeller (Fitch & Associates)
BJ Jungmann (Fitch & Associates)

Members of the Public

1. Call to Order

Councilor Davidoff called the meeting to order at 8:00 AM.

2. Staff Reports/Communications

- a. The committee accepted the July 19, 2018 meeting minutes.
- b. Mr. Hart stated the purpose of the committee meeting would be to introduce and meet with the efficiency and effectiveness study consultant, Fitch & Associates. Councilors will have one on one meetings with the consultant throughout the day.

3. Police Department Update

Chief Riddick provided a brief update on department promotions and other personnel matters. Staff continues to work with HR to review and revise the hiring process, including the inclusion of an oral board panel.

He also updated the committee on the ongoing measures and efforts occurring in the New Britain corridor. Concerns related to 1195 New Britain Avenue were

recently shared by residents in a meeting with various department heads. As a result of the productive conversation, police have increased their presence, among other implementations.

4. Fire Department Update

Chief Allyn provided a brief personnel update. 5 paramedics will be starting on Monday, September 10, 2018.

Mr. Hart and Chief Allyn introduced the project team of the consulting firm, Fitch & Associates, engaged to conduct the Town's efficiency and effectiveness study.

Dr. Knight presented the committee with a high level overview of the firm, including its background and experience. He outlined the Town's request and the firm's process of the study. He highlighted the goals, objectives, expectations, and results. He addressed general questions from the committee such as the design systems and the firm's experience with other Connecticut towns.

5. Adjournment

The next Public Safety committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 4, 2018. Councilor Davidoff adjourned the meeting at 8:49 AM.